



Y-12 Site Office News Release

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KEVIN W. SMITH NAMED DEPUTY MANAGER OF THE Y-12 SITE OFFICE

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. -- Kevin W. Smith has been named the deputy manager for the National Nuclear Security Administration's Y-12 Site Office (YSO).

In his new position, Smith serves as the federal chief operating officer at Y-12 and will assist in program oversight, contract and administrative management, and technical evaluation and assessment as part of YSO's mission to ensure the safe, secure and cost effective operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex. Y-12 is a key facility in the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex and is responsible for ensuring the safety and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

Theodore Sherry, YSO manager, said, "We are delighted to have Kevin Smith as part of the YSO team. He brings to our staff a wealth of experience in executive, technical, safety, and operations program management."

Smith's career spans more than 30 years with key leadership positions with the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). He began his career as a fighter pilot and served in a variety of flying and leadership positions in Europe, Middle East, Asia, and the United States. Smith flew a range of combat aircraft that included the F-4, F-16, and the F-117 Stealth Fighter.

Smith became a member of the Senior Executive Service in 2004 as the assistant manager for the Nuclear Material Stabilization Project at the DOE's Savannah River Operations Office in March 2004. In that role, he provided overall leadership and direction for oversight of assigned contractor, Federal programs and activities associated with the receipt, storage, stabilization, and disposition of nuclear materials and by-products. These responsibilities also included oversight of the Savannah River National Laboratory

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and analytical laboratories. These functions were performed in support of the Environmental Management risk reduction and legacy nuclear material clean-up mission performed at the Savannah River Site.

Before joining DOE in 2004, Smith served as the director of safety for Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, where he developed policy and supervised safety programs for all Air Combat Command bases in the United States, comprised of 1,700 aircraft and 170,000 personnel worldwide. In this capacity he was responsible for flight, conventional weapons, nuclear weapons, industrial and ground safety. Smith was also a member of the Air Force's Senior Safety Advisory Council.

In July 1999, Smith was appointed deputy assistant chief of staff for U.S. Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command in Seoul, South Korea. As the number two officer in charge of operations, he also chaired the U.S. Forces in Korea's Crisis Action Force Protection Analysis Team. This team determined, coordinated, and implemented consequence management actions for all of Korea. He was a member of the U.S. Military Force Protection Executive Council and responsible for anti-terrorism actions for 37,000 U.S. personnel and their families.

In September 1995, Smith was transferred to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, where he was the deputy commander and then commander of the 49th Operations Group. He directed all flying and flight line maintenance operations for a fighter wing with 98 assigned combat aircraft and 1,284 personnel. He also provided direction and oversight to integrating German Air Force Tornado flight operations in New Mexico and managed a Lockheed-Martin F-4 and T-38 flight and maintenance operations contract for the United States and German governments.

In 1994, Mr. Smith commanded the 308th Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix, Arizona. He was responsible for completing a 5,800 sortie and 7,700 flying hour training program for new F-16 pilots. During this period, he was also the chief of Exercises and Evaluation Division, where he designed, orchestrated, and evaluated consequence management exercises, to include those with nuclear effects and natural disasters.

A native of Olympia, Washington, Smith is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a bachelors degree in physics. He also received a bachelors degree in mathematics and a master of science degree in management, both from Troy State University. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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